



## CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA TRANSCRIPT ORDER FORM - INSTRUCTIONS

Please use this form to order transcripts of court proceedings. Additional information about ordering transcripts is available on the Court's website at [www.cacd.uscourts.gov/court-reporting-services/court-reporterrecorder-transcripts](http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/court-reporting-services/court-reporterrecorder-transcripts). Before ordering, however, you must check the docket to see if the transcript has already been filed. In addition, if a proceeding was sealed, you must obtain a court order before requesting the transcript. You must also determine which court reporter covered the hearing, or whether it was digitally recorded (many proceedings held before Magistrate Judges are digitally recorded); check the Court Reporter Schedule and the Minutes of the proceeding. Then:

1. Complete a separate G-120 order form for each case number for which transcripts are ordered.
2. Complete a separate G-120 order form for each court reporter who reported proceedings in the case, and one for any digitally recorded proceedings.
3. Complete Items 1-12. Keep a copy of your completed order form for your records.
4. CJA Counsel must submit this form using the Central District's eVoucher system. Otherwise, this form must be e-filed in the Central District's CM/ECF system, except when the order is placed by someone without e-filing privileges or by a non-party. In such cases, e-mail the completed form to the Court Reporting Services Office at either [transcripts\\_cacd@cad.uscourts.gov](mailto:transcripts_cacd@cad.uscourts.gov) (for court reporter orders) or [courtrecording\\_cacd@cad.uscourts.gov](mailto:courtrecording_cacd@cad.uscourts.gov) (for digitally recorded hearings). E-filers should complete the form, "print to PDF" or scan (first page only) in LANDSCAPE, and e-file using either the Civil or Criminal Transcript Order Form (G-120) event in CM/ECF.
5. CJA orders will be processed in eVoucher. For other orders, after e-filing the completed G-120 you will receive an email from the Court Reporting Services Office with further instructions.

## ITEM-BY-ITEM INSTRUCTIONS (ITEMS 1-12):

**Items 1-3.** In fields 1a, 2a, & 3a, please provide the contact name and information for the person responsible for ordering the transcript. In a law office, this may be a paralegal or administrative assistant, not the attorney. In fields 1b, 2b & 3b, provide the attorney name and contact info, if the attorney is not the contact person.

**Item 5.** Include both the name and role of the ordering party (i.e., "Defendant John Smith"). May be left blank if order is being placed by a non-party.

**Item 7a.** Only one case number may be listed per order.

**Item 8.** Refer to the Minutes of the proceeding to determine whether the hearing was digitally recorded ("CS" or "CourtSmart") or transcribed by a court reporter. If the Minutes read "MINUTES (IN CHAMBERS)," this means no proceeding was held, no recording was made, and no court reporter was present, so no transcript exists. If no Minutes have been filed, contact the judge's courtroom deputy (list [here](#)). *If the Minutes indicate the proceeding was sealed, you need a court order to get the transcript.*

**Item 9.** Check appeal OR non-appeal AND criminal OR civil. You may also check one of the other boxes if applicable. NOTE: a court order specifically authorizing transcripts is required before transcripts may be ordered *in forma pauperis*.

**Item 10a.** List specific date(s) of the proceeding(s) for which transcript is requested. Under "Proceeding Type/Portion," indicate briefly what type of proceeding it was, such as "motion hearing," "sentencing," or "trial." A transcript of only a portion of a proceeding may be ordered, if the description is clearly written to facilitate processing.

**Item 10b.** Select desired FORMAT(S) for transcript. There is an additional charge for each format ordered.

**Item 10c.** For each proceeding, you must either provide the Release of Transcript Restriction date or mark the circle to certify that no transcript has yet been e-filed.

**Item 10d.** Seven DELIVERY TYPES are available. Times are computed from date payment is satisfied (or, for government orders, the DCN number received). NOTE: Full price may be charged only if the transcript is delivered within the required time frame. For example, if an order for an expedited transcript is not completed and delivered within 7 calendar days, the 14-day *delivery* rate would be charged. Visit [www.cacd.uscourts.gov/court-reporting-services/court-reporterrecorder-transcripts](http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/court-reporting-services/court-reporterrecorder-transcripts) for rates.

**TRANSCRIPT DELIVERY TIMES (For anything other than "Ordinary" delivery, you must check with the court reporter first to see if the option is available.)**

**ORDINARY** — 30 calendar days. **DAILY (NEXT DAY)** — To be delivered the next calendar day whether or not actually a court day,

14-DAY — 14 calendar days.

**EXPEDITED** — 7 calendar days.

**3-DAY** — 3 calendar days.

**HOURLY (SAME DAY)** — Within two (2) hours.

**REALTIME** — A draft unedited transcript produced by a certified realtime reporter as a byproduct of realtime to be delivered electronically during proceedings or immediately following receipt of the order.

**Item 11.** CJA Counsel must explain why special requests are necessary to the representation. Special requests include opening statements, closing arguments, voir dire, or jury instructions; transcripts for use in proceedings other than appeals; transcripts of proceedings involving only a co-defendant; requests for expedited handling; and requests covered by Section 14 of the CJA-24 Voucher.

**Item 12.** Sign and date in this space to certify that you will either pay all charges (the deposit plus any additional charges) or promptly take all steps necessary to secure payment under the CJA. An electronic or conformed (/s/) signature is acceptable.